

News Release

U of M Crookston Signs Articulation Agreement with Robeson Community College in Law Enforcement Aviation

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CROOKSTON, MN (February 7, 2006) – The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) hosted a delegation from Robeson Community College in Lumberton, N.C., on Jan. 31, 2007, to forge an articulation agreement. Students from Robeson will now have the option to transfer to UMC to complete a baccalaureate degree.



UMC hosts delegation from Robeson Community College and UND Aerospace

Under terms of the agreement, students would complete an associate of arts degree in pre-criminal justice at Robeson Community College along with a private pilot's license, and then, complete a minimum of 2 years at UMC culminating in a bachelor's degree in law enforcement aviation.

The cooperative program, established by the agreement, is an outgrowth of a satellite aviation program which the University of North Dakota (UND) Aerospace has with Robeson. The agreement is similar to the one UMC has with UND in which UND provides aircraft and the majority of the flight instruction. UMC provides the overall program direction and aviation application coursework in law enforcement, natural resources, business, or agriculture.

"I am delighted that we are able to establish this cooperative relationship with the Crookston campus of the University of Minnesota to present this opportunity for our students. I thank the good work of Mark Kinlaw, my vice president of instruction and support services, and Dave Enkelaar, aviation site manager at Robeson for their assistance," said Charles Chrestman, president of Robeson.

His comments were echoed by UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey, who noted at the signing, "It is a priority at UMC and within the University of Minnesota to establish these kinds of cooperative educational partnerships. None of us can do it all as we strive to serve the educational needs of our regions and the nation."

David Enkelaar, the site manager at Robeson, is a graduate of UMC who provided flight instruction through UND as part of the UMC aviation program after his graduation in 2005. Enkelaar currently heads up the program in North Carolina. "David is doing an excellent job for us in North Carolina. We wish we had a bunch more like him," added Don Dubuque, director of extension programs for UND Aerospace. Also, assisting with developing the articulation agreement were David Seyfried, Chief Pilot Mike Vivion, Phil Baird, and Dan Svedarsky from UMC's Natural Resources Department.

For more information on UMC programs in aviation, law enforcement and natural resources, contact Judy Baatz at 218-281-8128 ([jbaatz@umn.edu](mailto:jbaatz@umn.edu)) or visit the Web site at [www.UMCrookston.edu/natr](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/natr).

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